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Until mid-1952, any Soviet officer was authorized to send one, 10 kg. parcel to the USSR per month. He had to pay 50 East German marks for mailing it but no taxes. After mid-1952 a tax of a little more than 100% of the value of the parcel was introduced. For example, a lady's fur coat, valued at 900 East marks, was taxed 1,100 East marks. Even then, such a fur coat would sell for about 6,000 rubles in the USSR.

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